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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Collector takes into consideration the conditions and figures of the price prevailing and then only he publishes the price in the Gazette."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that the District Magistrate of Kozhikode did not publish the rate which he should have done according to the answer given by the Hon. Minister here, will the Government be pleased to take necessary action to see that the exorbitant amounts already received by the landowners, consequent upon the price of paddy to be given as waram not having been published under the Malabar Tenancy Act, are returned to the peasants concerned?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Let me have some time to verify the statement of the hon. Member."

High Level Kattalai Canal.

* 239 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the plans and estimates are ready for the scheme called " Mayanoor-Vallam High Level Kattalai Canal ";

(b) what is the area which can be brought under cultivation under this scheme; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) 24,650 acres.

" (c) Rs. 119 lakhs."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to execute the scheme immediately? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This has been deferred for the present in view of the financial stringency and in view of the doubts about the availability of supplies for new schemes in the Cauvery region."

10-50 a. m. SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" In view of the failure of monsoon in that area for the last four or five years, may I know whether the Government will take steps to execute this scheme immediately and thus afford some relief to the ryots of that area? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is for that very reason we have to postpone the execution of that scheme, especially as we are not getting adequate supply."

Instructions regarding Co-operative department employees to be members of co-operative societies.

* 240 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies instructed all departmental employees to cease to be members of any co-operative society?

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THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" According to the Government Servants Conduct Rules, Government servants employed in the Co-operative department are entitled to become members only in Co-operative Credit Societies registered exclusively for their benefit and in stores societies, housing societies and in the South India Co-operative Insurance Society. They can be members of primary land mortgage banks with the prior sanction of the Registrar. But they are prohibited from holding any office in any society except in a society registered exclusively for their benefit. Under the Government Servants Conduct Rules, Co-operative Sub-Registrars are prohibited to become members of even local Co-operative staff societies in the districts. The provisions of the rules are strictly enforced by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has also issued a circular instructing the subordinates not to buy articles on credit from any co-operative societies other than those intended for them."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know whether the Registrar has any right to prevent anybody from becoming a member of any society and in the second place, is it not better and in the interests of the co-operative movement to allow the workers to become members of the societies? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Nobody is prevented from becoming a member of a co-operative society, excepting that the Directors of a Society have a certain amount of discretion in allowing a particular individual into their society."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" అనధికార సహకారోద్యోగులు వారికి ప్రత్యేకముగా ఏర్పడినటువంటి సంఘములలో చేరకూడదని ఇటీవల రిజిస్ట్రార్ ఉత్తరువులు పంపించారు, నిజమేనా ? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" లేదండి."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact that the present Registrar of Co-operative Societies happens to be a Director of the Madras Marketing Co-operative Society and do the Government Servants Conduct Rules not apply to him also? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I do not know whether this contravenes the provisions of the Conduct Rules."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Perhaps he is there as an *ex officio* Director."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Let the Hon. Minister say so."

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" There seems to be some statutory provision also."